

[Dr. Whitelaw]

Potter March 31 Dr. Whitelaw Lodi

I went to see Dr. Whitelaw at about 4 in the afternoon. He was just getting up. He is, or will be 85 April 11. He is quite agile for such an elderly person, has full beard and gray hair, quite long. He was looking in vain for his shoes while talking to me. His office was antique. It looked like the old pictures of the office of the country doctor. Shelves, along one side of the room, had all kinds of old dusty bottles containing powders and pills. The desk had a frame made of wooden spindles which extended about three feet above the desk. It looked much like a teller's cage in a bank. It seemed to me that I had stepped back at least 50 years. The Dr. was evidently the victim of the day after and did not feel disposed to talk. [?]

According to the Dr. he came to Lodi in 1835, will be [87?] 83 this month has been practicing for 35 years and started practicing in the 40 and [?] still is. He also said that if you get old enough you will get young enough to start all over again.

He said that the lawyer Mr. Lindsay used to be called Boots because when a youngster his father had presented him with a pair of red topped boots and because he was so proud of them the father called him Boots. 3 11